NEIGHBORHOOD NEWS

Meeker Avenue Neighborhood Group

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GUEST SPEAKER

DAVID H. WIENER

The Honorable David H. Wiener of the State Tax Board Commission, will speak to the Neighborhood Group Thursday evening, September 17, at the General Meeting of the Meeker Avenue Neighborhood Group.

He comes to us with a wide range of experience and has been associated with various branches of our city, county, and state governments.

He has served as a director of the Newark YM-WHA, and as a member of the South Ward Boys' Club, a trustee of the Prospect Hill Country Day school. He acted as campaign counselor for former Governor Driscoll, a Special Counsel to the House of Assembly and is a lawyer of prominence.

He is a neighbor, living with his lovely wife and daughter on Vassar Avenue in the Weequahic section of this city.

* * * A good neighbor.....makes a better neighbor * * *

PURPOSE OF NEIGHBORHOOD GROUP...

The Meeker Avenue Neighborhood Group was organized in January 1958, by a group of neighbors who felt that good neighbors make a better neighborhood. This neighborhood group is composed of residents who live on Meeker Avenue and who believe that Meeker Avenue is a good place to live and who are concerned with the preservation of the values which have made it so.

To this end, this group intends to provide a meeting ground to discuss common problems in an atmosphere of friendliness and to plan action in the interests of the neighborhood. We feel, as a group, that the issues of common concern lie in the suggested areas:

Property maintenance and improvement, zoning, traffic, health, welfare and sanitation, orderly conduct, school facilities, and taxation.

Since our group was first organized in 1958, we have made many outstanding neighborhood improvements. We have come to know our neighbors; we have been able to discuss our common problems in an atmosphere of friendliness, and together, we have been able to solve many problems that concern the entire group.

We have petitioned for the paving of our street and this has been completed. We have petitioned for No-Thru trucking from Elizabeth to Peshine Avenues. This is in the process of being carried out. We have petitioned for the re-zoning from a second and third class, to a first class neighborhood....We have requested that a 25-mile speed zone be established on Meeker Avenue. We have kept a vigilant eye on the conduct of our neighborhood and this effort will be steadily increased.

We have requested spraying of our trees periodically and that the vacant lots on this Avenue be constantly weeded and debris removed in keeping with our policy of a first-class neighborhood.

GROUP OFFICERS

Jerry L. Martin - Chairman
Hugh R. Hill - Co-Chairman
Mrs. Edith Schwartz - Corres. Secretary
Mrs. Bernyce Ruffin - Recording Secretary
Leon Leisten - Treasurer

Executive Board

Herve J. Rachal, M. D.
Julius Glass
William Ruffin
Irving I. Miller
William M. Chase, M. D.

Zoning Committee

Max Harmelin

Public Health

Reynold E. Burch, M. D.

Public Works

Hugh R. Hill

School Problems

Harry Glicken

CALENDAR OF EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETINGS:

Date:		At the Home of:
October 8, 1959	-	Dr. & Mrs. Rachal
November 12, 1959	-	Mr. & Mrs. Leisten
December 10, 1959	-	Mr. & Mrs. Glicken
January 1960	-	Mr. & Mrs. Martin
February 1960	-	Mr. & Mrs. Hill
March 1960	-	Mr. & Mrs. Rachal
April 1960	-	Mr. & Mrs. Burch
May 1960	-	Mr. & Mrs. Ruffin

GENERAL MEETINGS:

Date:		At the Home of:
November 19, 1959	-	Dr. & Mrs. Rachal
January 1960	-	Mr. & Mrs. Schwartz
March 1960	-	Mr. & Mrs. Drummer
May 1960	-	Mr. & Mrs. Martin

PROGRAM - 1959-60

1. To petition for one-way streets running north and south, parallel with Hunterdon, between Bergen Street and Elizabeth Avenue.

2. To petition for additional and constant motor and foot police patrol on Meeker Avenue and adjacent.

3. To continue a relentless drive for No-Thru trucking on Meeker Avenue from Elizabeth to Peshine Avenues.

4. To call parents together for a study of increasing juvenile problems.

5. To make a continuous effort for the improvement of property and the beautification of lawns on our street.

6. To carry out the adoption of the Azalea as our neighborhood flower.

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WELCOME, NEW NEIGHBORS!

The Executive Board and the members of the Meeker Avenue Neighborhood Group would like to extend to the new residents on Meeker Avenue, a hearty welcome to our midst.

We hope that every resident on our street will become a full participating member of the neighborhood group.

We have many problems in keeping the standards high, and we solicit your cooperation in respecting our zoning laws and our sanitation regulations.

We need you as our members, we need you as neighbors, and we need to get better acquainted and try to understand that our neighborhood is one of the best in the city.

In keeping with our city policy....

LET US...
"Conserve the good,
Rehabilitate the poor.....and
Renew the obsolete areas in
Our Neighborhood."

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AMENDMENT TO THE CONSTITUTION

The Constitution may be amended at any regular meeting by a two-thirds vote of those present and voting, provided the amendment has been submitted in writing at the previous meeting.

The following amendment is hereby offered:

1. Be it resolved that Article V, Page 2 of the Constitution be amended to read as follows:

"There shall be an Executive Board which shall consist of the officers, Chairman of the Standing Committees, and all past chairmen of the Meeker Avenue Neighborhood Group."

2. That Article VI, Page 2, be amended to read:

"There shall be the following Standing Committees appointed by the Chairman at the first regular meeting following the Annual Meeting:

a) Zoning
b) Public Works
c) Public Health
d) School Problems

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